

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1 of the Specification, please replace the first Paragraph with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The present invention relates to the ~~subject matter as described in the generic part of claim 1 and thus deals with the~~ treatment of textiles.

On Page 2 of the Specification, please delete the second paragraph in its entirety:

~~This object is achieved by independent claim 1. Preferred embodiments are found in the dependent claims.~~

On Page 2 of the Specification, please replace the third and fourth Paragraphs with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

Thus, according to a first ~~essential~~ aspect of the invention, there is provided a textile treatment agent for the treatment of a textile to be contacted therewith, especially during a laundering process, having at least a first textile-treating fraction and at least one other fraction, wherein said first textile-treating fraction is designed to form an inorganic structure on the textile surface, especially the surfaces of the textile fibers.

The ~~essential recognition is the fact that essential~~ improvements can be achieved with an inorganic structure, to be applied to the fabric to be treated, which is invisible and typically cannot be felt itself. The non-feeling property is ensured if the layer is sufficiently thin, which is why layers of a thickness within a range of from 10 nm to 1 μ m, preferably well under 1 μ m, are preferred. It was found that the inorganic structure can substantially improve the water absorption rate of a textile and,

depending of the thickness of the structure, also the water absorption quantity. The wearing comfort substantially increases, especially for textiles in which a high degree of sweat generation is to be typically expected, such as in sweatshirts etc., above all for fabrics of synthetic fibers. Also for towels, especially terry towels, the improved feel has a highly positive effect.